

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 99,252-A)

In re Application of: )  
Mertens et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/998,889 )  
Filed: November 1, 2001 )  
For: Method and Apparatus for Removing a )  
Liquid from a Surface )  
  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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) Group Art Unit: 1746

) Examiner: Saeed T. Chaudry

**PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2003, thereby extending the period for response from July 24, 2003 until August 25, 2003. A check for the \$110 petition fee is enclosed herewith. Also, please charge any additional fees associated with this petition, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 13-2490.

Respectfully Submitted,

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